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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN

DANISH CHARGE CHRISTENSEN CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON ACTING ASST. SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN JUNE 29. CHRISTENSEN SAID HE WISHED TO FOLLOW UP ON SECRETARY ROGERS' RECENT INVITATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN TO VISIT US THIS FALL, AND ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE VISIT FOR SOMETIME DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER. FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD PREFER THAT VISIT BE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK FOR UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. CHRISTENSEN ADDED THAT IF US PREFERRED A SEPTEMBER VISIT, THAT COULD BE ARRANGED, BUT HE WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. OCTOBER WAS DIFFICULT, HE EXPLAINED, BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN WOULD BE VISITING MOSCOW AND ANDERSEN WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM. EARLY NOVEMBER WOULD BE IDEAL. MR. SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONFIRM A DATE FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S

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VISIT MUCH BEFORE EARLY SEPTEMBER. THE SECRETARY WOULD BE
GOING TO HELSINKI AND TOKYO IN JULY AND THERE WAS OF COURSE
THE QUESTION OF THE SCHEDULING OF THE PRESIDENT' S TRIP TO
EUROPE THIS FALL. ALL THESE FACTORS WEIGHED IN THE TIMING
OF A DECISION ON THE ANDERSEN VISIT BUT NEVERTHELESS WE
WOULD DO OUR BEST TO MEET THE DESIRES OF FOREIGN MINISTER.
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